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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please make the paragraph substitutions indicated in the appendix entitled "Clean Version of Amended Specification Paragraphs". The specific changes incorporated in the substitute paragraphs are shown in the following marked-up version of the original paragraphs:

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 is amended as follows:

This application is a continuation application of U.S. application Serial No. 09/276,625, which is a continuation-in-part of, and claims priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)[,] from, U.S. application Serial No. 60/086,166, filed May 20, 1998[, currently pending], the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.

The paragraph beginning at page 19, line 16 is amended as follows:

Figure 19. Application of rAAV circular concatamers to deliver [trans-splicing] vectors with large gene inserts. Panel A depicts two rAAV vectors encoding two halves of a cDNA (red) flanked by splice site consensus sequences (brown). Panel B depicts one potential type of intermolecular concatamer following co-infection of cells with the independent vectors shown in panel A. Full length